



Sport and Recreation

With increasing demand for facilities, the community would like a new district sports and recreation facility with a 50m pool, indoor courts, and gym facilities, along with upgrades to existing sporting facilities, reserves and ancillary infrastructure.

The City has committed to the following actions in its Council Plan 2024-2034:

| Actions | |
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| 1.1 | Finalise a review of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy and progress identified priorities. |
| 1.2 | Subject to a further decision of the Council, finalise feasibility analysis to confirm a site and the scope, cost and funding sources for development and operation of a new district sport and recreation facility. |
| 1.3 | Progress master planning for Lot 301 Sues Road in Yalyalup for future recreational uses. |
| 1.4 | Subject to a further decision of the Council, construct a pavilion at the Dunsborough Lakes Sports Precinct. |
| 1.5 | Provide non-potable water links to Dunsborough Playing Ovals, from the bore at Dunsborough Lakes Sporting Precinct. |
| 1.6 | Progress designs for the construction of a new squash facility. |

The following identified priorities are subject to further Council consideration in 2026 and will rely on appropriate funding being secured.



New District Sport and Recreation Facility

- The Geographe Leisure Centre (GLC) is one of the main recreational precincts in the City of Busselton
- There are almost 500,000 visits to the GLC each year
- Due to the age and condition of the current facility and severely constrained location (environmentally sensitive area) it is unlikely to be viable to expand the existing facility
- The City is exploring options for a new district level facility on a new site, inclusive of aquatic facilities and associated facilities. This includes a 50m pool, health club and courts (basketball and indoor sports)
- A centrally located site, most likely in the Vasse area, will be needed to ensure the facility is accessible to all community members and to avoid duplication of facilities in Busselton and Dunsborough
- This is a major project that is likely to be delivered over a 10 year timeframe
- Estimated costs could reach \$150 million in the expected timeframe
- The following estimated financial commitment will be required over the next 4 years to progress this work, in addition to putting money into reserves to help pay for construction.

| Year | Task |
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| 2025/26 | Site Selection |
| 2026/27 | Site Purchase |
| Starting 2027 | Design and Business case |



Squash Club Co-Location

- Proposal to co-locate the Squash Club with the Busselton Tennis Club
- New squash courts to be constructed with sharing of existing tennis club facilities
- Estimated cost of \$3m to be delivered commencing 2025-2027

Vasse Pavilion

- Proposal to construct a new pavilion with club social space and change rooms
- Estimated cost of \$5 million

Long Range (currently unplanned) Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Requirements

The following infrastructure is also required, but the City will not have the ability to allocate funding to these in the next 10 years due to its commitments to the priorities above.

Sir Stewart Bovell Sports Park

- In 2021 the City developed a masterplan and summary report to enable a staged construction of the proposed upgrade works for the Sir Stewart Bovell Sports Park Precinct.
- The proposed masterplan included an estimated cost of between \$22 and \$33 million (2021 costs) to create a multi-sport club hub for a range of shared sporting services within one combined location under a single management arrangement.



Sues Road Outdoor Sporting Precinct

- The City purchased a 465 hectare site on Sues Road/Bussell Highway in 2025 to potentially accommodate events and the kinds of sports which have proven hard to locate for several decades, such as pistol and clay target shooting, motorcross and go-karts, cycling and archery and bow sports.
- A consultant was engaged in 2025 to undertake Stakeholder engagement and concept planning.
- It is hoped this will meet future demand for the City and the South West as a whole.
- The site was funded from the sale of 136 hectares of land in Ambergate.
- The site is being leased back from the City by Tronox who will progressively rehabilitate the site in accordance with the City's future uses in the years to come.